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SUBJECT: ICCS: NEW POLDEL AMBASSADOR

REF: WARSAW 1134 (NOTAL) SAIGON 2445

1. IN FAREWELL CALL ON AMBASSADOR KULAGA MARCH 1 EMBOFF
LEARNED THAT KULAGA DEPARTING SAIGON MARCH 2 FOR A FEW DAYS IN
PARIS BEFORE ARRIVING WARSAW NEXT WEEK. HE WILL HAVE
APPROXIMATELY 7 DAYS OF CONSULATION WITH SPASOWSKI AND
AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE FIJAKOWSKI. THEREAFTER KULAGA WILL
HAVE 7 TO 10 DAYS LEAVE AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION BEFORE
RETURNING TO NEW YORK IN TIME FOR UN SESSION ON ENERGY.

2. KULAGA NOTED HIS SUCCESSOR HAS HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE
IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS. HE SERVED IN LAOS-ICC ALONG WITH
DEPUTY PRZYGODZKI. FIJALKOWSKI ALSO WAS IN INITIAL POLISH
DELEGATION TO ICCS AS ADVISER DURING THE SET-UP PERIOD.

3. AMBASSADOR KULAGA WOULD LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO
OPPORTUNITY OF CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIES AGAIN WHILE IN
WARSAW. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLAND'S CLOSE CONNECTIONS
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WITH AMERICANS ON CCS MATTERS WOULD CONTINUE IN WARSAW AS WELL

AS IN SAIGON.

4. KULAGA STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE HE PLACES ON CONSULTATION OR SOUNDING OUT POSITIONS PRIOR TO PLENARY MEETINGS AND VOTING. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS INDONESIAN COLLEAGUES DO NOT AGREE ON THIS PROCEDURE. NONETHELSS HE FELT THAT SUCH MOMENTUM AS THE ICCS HAD ACHIEVED DURING HIS 5 MONTHS IN SAIGON WAS DEPENDENT UPON THE CONSULTATION MECHANISM. HE HAD TOLD HIS DELEGATION THAT CONSULTATION WAS IN REALITY A FAR MORE DIFFICULT PROCEDURE TO USE WITHIN THE ICCS SINCE IT INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE TIME, SLOW PROGRESS AND CAREFUL EXPOSITION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR EASIER FOR HIS DELEGATION TO ESTABLISH FIXED POSITIONS AND STAND UPON THEM IN PLENARY MEETINGS, BUT THIS WOULD HAVE MEANT VERY LITTLE PROGRESS. BY INFERENCE, KULAGA APPEARED TO SUGGEST THAT THE POLISH DELEGATION UNDER HIS SUCCESSOR WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS TECHNIQUE.

5. KULAGA EXPRESSED A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT WITH THE POLISH EFFORTS TO FACILITATE EASY GOING SOCIAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE GVN AND THE PRG. HE SAID THIS ACTIVITY OF THE POLISH DELEGATION WAS ALSO DIFFICULT SINCE PRODUCTIVE RESULTS MIGHT BE IMPEDED IF THE POLISH DELEGATION APPEARED TO BE PUSHING TOO ACTIVELY.

6. ASSUMING SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, KULAGA QUESTIONED WHAT MIGHT NEXT BE A PROFITABLE AREA IN WHICH THE ICCS COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT ICCS AND POLISH DELEGATION COULD CONTINUE TO PERFORM A USEFUL CATALYTIC ROLE AND THE POLDEL COULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN ASKING BOTH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES THEIR PRIORITIES IN PROBLEMS REMAINING. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT POSSIBLY ICCS SHOULD PUSH AT THIS TIME FOR FULLER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS PROTOCOL ESPECIALLY IN FULL DEPLOYMENT TO ICCS SITES. POLDEL SHOULD ALSO CARRY OUT RESPONSIBILITIES OF ICCS TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATIONS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM BOTH PARTIES ON CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS.

7. LULAGA DID NOT APPEAR TO BE CONFIDENT THAT ICCS WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON SECURITY GUARANTEES WHICH HAD BEEN TROUBLING THE ICCS FOR SOMETIME AND HOLDING UP INVESTIGATIONS.

HE THOUGHT THE INDONESIAN POSITION ON SECURITY GUARANTEES WAS INFLEXIBLE AND WOULD NOT PERMIT COMPROMISE. HE REAFFIRMED
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HOWEVER THE DESIRABILITY OF ICCS CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTION AND AGREED ICCS INVESTIGATIONS MIGHT HAVE DETERRENT AFFECT ON BOTH PARTIES. IN THIS CONNECTION AND AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE CALL KULAGA EFFUSIVELY PRAISED THE EFFORTS OF IRDEL AMBASSADOR

8. KULAGA HINTED AT POSSIBLE FURTHER POLISH ROLE BY HIS REFERENCE TO MEETING AT HIS OWN FAREWELL RECEPTION BETWEEN GVN, PRG AND QTE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THIRD FORCE UNQTE I.E.

MADAME THANH. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DEPUTY PRZYGODZKI, BEFORE ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR, AND AMBASSADOR FIJALKOWSKI SUBSEQUENTLY WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE USEFUL ROLE IN OCCASIONALLY DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL CONTACT OF THIS TYPE. AMBASSADOR DAVIES COULD POINT OUT THAT MRS. THANH FOR EXAMPLE IS A WILD FANATIC REPRESENTING NO SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT AND THAT PURSUIT OF THESE MEDDLESOME TACTICS WILL DISCREDIT POLES COMPLETELY WITH GVN DEPRIVE THEM OF ANY NON-PARTISAN IDENTITY, AND COULD BECOME IRRITATION TO OUR RELATIONS.

9. ACCORDING TO KULAGA, FIJALKOWSKI WILL NOT ARRIVE IN SAIGON UNTIL END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.

10. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS FOLLOWING NEXT WEEK'S PLENARY, WHERE INVESTIGATION HOLD-UP WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN. AMBASSADOR DAVIES MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON SAIGON 2445 IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SPASOWSKI AND FIJALKOWSKI. MARTIN

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